chances of failure of crops over an extensive area like a Taluqa or Block were almost nil. They had also pointed out that fixaion of threshold yield of 80 per cent of last five years' average would be meaningless in the context of the continuously rising productivity in the State. They had in fact stated that threshold yield should be 100 per cent of the average yield of last three years. Government of India had set up a Committee to examine these and other suggestions for amendment of the scheme. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, Central Government have decided as under:—

(i) There will be three different rates of indemnifiable limits for wheat and paddy, i.e. 80 per cent, 85 per cent and 90 per cent based on the average yield of last three years depending upon stability of production subject to the stipulation that a further review relating to indeminfiable limits beyond 90 per cent would be deferred for two to three years (Effective from Rabi 1986-87).

(ii) The States should have the freedom to opt for the scheme; this option should be with reference to the district as the unit. Option once exercised in respect of a district should not be allowed to be changed or withdrawn for a period of 3 years-effective from Kharif 1987.

These decisions have been conveyed to the State Governments.

New Sugar mills in Punjab

*153. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has recently urged the Central Government to grant permission to set up more sugar mills in that State:

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction threto; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Applications for grant of licences of establishment of six new cooperative sugar mills in Punjab have been received by the Government for consideraion.

(b) and (c) These applications will be considered and disposed of with reference to new guidelines.

Statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Delhi

*154. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose installed in the city of Delhi; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to instal his statue in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir. A statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been installed at Subhash Park in the city of Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

Drug addicts

*155. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 27th March, 1987 to the effect that by 2000 A.D. India would have 15 million drug addicts; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir. A view has been expressed regarding the likely increase in the number of addict if not steps were taken.

(b) A variety of measures are being taken by the Government to deal with the problem of drug abuse. This includes on the one hand stricter vigilance and enforcement of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and simultaneously taking up awareness building programmes, counselling and guidance, de- addiction treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug addtics into the society. Voluntary organisations are being involved in providing services mentioned above and in creating awareness amongst various segments of society.

Requirements of PIG iron for foundry industry of West Bengal

*156. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI M. A. BABY.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundry industry of West Bengal had recently appealed to the Iron and Steel Controller to allow them to obtain their required pig iron from any source.

(b) if so, whether they have been granted necessary permits in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the Indian Foundry Association, Calcutta, have been permitted to draw their requirements through the Association in case of direct dispatches.

(c) Does not arise.

Coloured stainless steel

*157. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Salem Steel Plant had recently developed coloured stainless steel and have carried out the preliminary tests at the Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are its likely effects on the health of the users;

(d) whether it would be cheaper or costlier than the traditional stainless steel; and

(e) by when it is likely to be marketed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The process for colouring stainless steel on laboratory scale has been developed by Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur and not Salem. No tests were conducted at Durgapur Steel Plant.

(c) It is not expected to have any adverse effect on the health of the people using it.

(d) The cost of coloured stainless steel would be higher than that of traditional stainless steel as additional cost would be incurred for colouring the surface of stainless steel material.

(e) Coloured stainless steel in certain forms and shapes is being marketed in a very limited way.

Strike by workmen of C.P.W.D. and P.W.D. Delhi Administration

*158. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50,000 workmen of Central Public Works